

(d) if so, whether the Government contemplating to make such persons to pay for the category of security cover they want for themselves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects under the Constitution of India. Therefore, the responsibility for providing security to the persons residing within their jurisdiction is that of the concerned State/UT. However, in Delhi 76 persons were in 'Z' category of security as on 1.6.1997. An annual expenditure of approximately Rs. 618 lakhs is incurred on their security by Delhi Police.

(b) and (c) The need for security and scale of security arrangements are reviewed periodically. This is a continuing exercise. The security arrangements are modified/withdrawn as warranted from time to time.

(d) All factors will have to be taken into consideration before taking a decision in the matter.

Production of Edible Oil

1052. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decrease in the production of edible oil over the years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have initiated any steps to boost the domestic production of edible oil;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) Production of edible oil over the past few years has been as under:—

(In lakh tonnes)	
Year	Estimated production of edible oils
1994-95	62.54
1995-96	64.26
1996-97	66.21*

*Based on target of 230 lakh MTs of Oilseeds production.

(c) and (d) Some of the steps initiated/proposed to be initiated to boost the production of edible oil are:

(i) The increase in production achieved so far has been mainly because of increase in area. Measures will now be intensified to increase the productivity which is low as compared to international level;

(ii) Intensification of efforts for implementation of Oilseeds Production Programme, area expansion through sequential cropping, inter-cropping;

(iii) Assistance for oil palm development;

(iv) Distribution of mini kits, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements and chemicals and demonstrations for transfer of production technology; and

(v) Identification of equipment for modernisation of processing units.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Misuse of Resources in Dairy Farms

1053. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various animal husbandry institutes under the Indian Council for Agricultural Research have dairies and in all these dairies the fodder for livestock is produced in these farms whereas grain is purchased from outside;

(b) whether these dairy farms in various research institutions are running uneconomical keeping in view the per quintal cost of production of fodder and the consumption of grain in huge quantity;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Three Institutes namely National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal; Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar and Central Institute of Research on Buffaloes, Hisar have dairy farm animals. Parts of feed and fodder required is produced in the Institute farms while the rest of the requirements of these Institutes are purchased depending upon the nutritional requirement of the animals.

(b) The dairy animals in these Institutes are kept for experimental purposes and are being maintained for research, education and teaching needs of the Institute and these are not commercial units.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Action Plan for Sugar Mills in Maharashtra

1054. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a review of sugar production and implementation of Sugar Policy at the apex level;

(b) if so, the details of the emerging trends in production, productivity, capacity utilisation, profitability, industrial sickness, labour problems, etc., State-wise;

(c) the details of action plan formulated for the current year to deal with the problem of industrial sickness in the co-operative sector in Maharashtra;

(d) whether the Government have received proposals from the States seeking financial support for undertaking execution of newly sanctioned projects;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(f) the details of proposals received for setting up new sugar units in co-operative sector by SC/ST communities from the State and reasons for its pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (f) The Government have set up a High Powered Committee—inter-alia, to suggest modifications, amendments or repeal of any existing laws and controls with a view to ensure a healthy growth and development of sugar industry, and building healthy relationship between farmers and the industry, to suggest ways and means to increase production and efficiency through modernisation so that sugar is available to the general public at reasonable prices. The Committee is

required to submit its report to the Government by 14th September, 1997.

Purchase of Wireless Sets

1055. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that about 2,000 wireless sets which were issued to beat officers of Delhi Police have turned out to be totally ineffective;

(b) if so, the amount spent on purchase of these sets by Delhi Police alongwith the name of the manufacturer;

(c) whether at least 30 to 40 per cent of sets were not in working condition and majority of them never had listening range of even half kilometre; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government to detect the officials responsible for the purchase of such faulty sets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) Delhi Police had in 1996 purchased 1800 hand held wireless sets at a cost of Rs. 1.78 crores (Excluding sales tax, etc.) on DGS&D rate contract from M/s. Punjab Wireless Systems Limited, Chandigarh. The sets conform to laid down specifications and have been working satisfactorily. The break down rate of these sets is within acceptable limits for such radios.

Import of Foodgrains

1056. SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the money paid by the Government on the imports of various foodgrains to each country during 1995-96; and

(b) the details of the foodgrains imported since 1991, year-wise indicating the quantity and value in foreign exchange thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) No Import of foodgrains (wheat and rice) was made during the year 1995-96.